



Parent Education & Family Support Work Group Meeting Summary

Thursday, February 13, 2014 from 1:30-3:30pm

Welcome & Introductions

Charlie Lewis called the meeting to order.

Attendees

Rayma Delaney, Tonia Durden, Rajeana Harris, Kat Jarvis for Meghan Malik, Charlie Lewis, Misti McInteer, Kelly Medwick, Tiffany Mullison, Eleanor Shirley, and, Becky Veak.

Review Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2013 – Kelly Medwick

The group reviewed the meeting minutes and added Charlie Lewis and Kelly Medwick to the list of attendees.

Step Up to Quality Update – Eleanor Shirley, Department of Education

Eleanor provided attendees with a handout on Nebraska Step Up to Quality. The QRIS is a result of legislation LB507, which went into effect in July 2013. The Department of Education must have the system ready by March 1, 2014 for testing; will go live July 1, 2014. Centers and home based child cares who are not mandated to participate may choose to participate.

Eleanor would like the Parent Education & Family Support work group to look at the Family Engagement and Partnership, worth 7 points. Eleanor will get Tiffany information to forward to this work group for review and consideration. Examples: provider participated in IEP meetings, regular conferences with parents/care givers, etc.

Ratings will be made available to the public July 1, 2017. DHHS is responsible for making the ratings available.

Update on ECCS Award and Project Focus – Tiffany Mullison

Tiffany provided updates to the group on the status of the current award and projects.

- *The Response of Health Care Professionals to ACEs: Reframing Child Wellbeing* was a conference attended by 140 in September. Dr. Bruce Perry from the Child Trauma Academy was very well received.
- Collective Impact is the method the ECCS award will deploy in achieving the grant goals. Collective Impact is the commitment of a group of people from different sectors to a common agenda for solving a complex social problem. To learn more, visit www.fsg.org
- The federal funding source, HRSA, required all grantees to select 1 of 3 strategies. Nebraska selected the 'mitigation and prevention of toxic stress and trauma in young children.'

- Three projects supported by current ECCS funding:
 - Circle of Security-Parenting with Panhandle Partnership – where an 8 week parenting program is taught by trained adult facilitators. Related note: Nebraska Children and Families Foundation is hosting training for facilitators in Kearney, September 16-19. Scholarships are available. Go to <http://www.nebraskachildren.org/cos/> for more information

The group viewed an excerpt from the Circle of Security website.

- Early Childhood Community Link Update, www.ecclink.org . This web-based platform was developed as a central location for initiatives, assessments, and resources in the early childhood arena across the state. Please check out the site to see if your agency's work has been added.

Charlie demonstrated how to navigate on the www.ecclink.org site. Searches can be performed by county, key word, type of funding, etc.. 400 programs/resources are on the site to date. Contact Charlie to add content.

- Toxic Stress Videos – videos are under development for 4 audiences [home visitor, foster care parent/worker, professional, and child care provider]. Once completed, the materials will be made available at no charge and broadly disseminated.

Review & Update Work Plan – Charlie Lewis

- Strategy 3 – members shared this Strategy was removed from the work plan when MIECHV funds came to Nebraska.
- Strategy 4 – Tiffany will meet with Tonia Durden to update and base new action steps on Tonia's work.
- Strategy 5 – webinar hosted, based on respite regions. Data was collected through the new respite system that replaced IRIS. Misti provided updates on the Life Span Respite subsidy and shared information about family situations that qualify for crisis respite, information about trainings for providers and care givers, criteria for providers and available training.

Other Updates

- Positions are open at NDOE for the Step Up to Quality initiative
- Position open at NDHHS in MCAH for a Senior Public Health Nurse

Meeting Information for 2014

Meetings have been set for the 2nd Thursday of the month. Due to the 2014 CYFS Summit on Research in Early Childhood on April 10, Tiffany will send out a Doodle poll. Meeting dates confirmed for 2014:

- June 12
- August 14
- October 9
- December 11